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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA: MAURITANIA ANTICIPATES EARLY MOVE
TOWARDS SELF-DETERMINATION

REF: MADRID 5180, 4397

1. COMMENTING ON HIS RECENT MEETINGS WITH SPANISH LEADERSHIP FORMIN MOUKNASS SAID SEPT 19 THAT HE BELIEVED MADRID WAS ABOUT TO TAKE FURTHER STEP TOWARDS PREPARATION SPANISH SAHARANS FOR SELF-DETERMINATION. HIS TALKS HAD GONE VERY WELL FONMIN SAID. HE HAD FOUND CARRERO BLANCO MARKEDLY MORE OPEN IN DISCUSSING FUTURE OF SAHARA THAN DURING THEIR PREVIOUS MEETING.

2. ASKED WHETHER HE THOUGHT MADRID PLANNED TAKE STEPS PRIOR TO NEXT UN 4TH COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF SAHARAN QUESTION, MOUKNASS REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY. SAID HE HAD TOLD SPANISH THAT IN ABSENCE SOME EVIDENCE OF MOVEMENT BY MADRID, MAURITANIA AND OTHER INTERESTED STATES WKMLD BE COMPELLED STEP UP PRESSURES IN UPCOMING 4TH COMMITTEE DEBATE. HE LEFT MADRID
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WITH CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT GOS MOVE WOULD TAKE FORM OF

ANSWER TO PETITION FROM SAHARAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MESSAGE
WOULD BE POSITIVE ENDORSEMENT OF LATTER'S REQUEST FOR
"RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNAL SAHARAN AFFAIRS." (FYI SPANISH
EMBOFF SEPT 21 HAS CONFIDED THAT THERE WILL BE "SURPRISE"
ANNOUNCEMENT RE SAHARA IN NEXT FIVE DAYS. END FYI)

3. COMMENTING ONLY OBLIQUELY AND BRIEFLY ON MOROCCAN
POSITION RE SAHARA, FONMIN SAID THAT MAURITANIA PREFERRED
RESTRICT ITS OWN POLICY STATEMENTS TO SINGLE POINT THAT
SAHARANS SHOULD BE LEFT FREE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE.
WERE MOROCCANS TO PRESS THEIR CLAIM TO ABSORB TERRITORY,
HOWEVER, GIRM WOULD COUNTER WITH OWN CLAIM.
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